



Chanukah Tzedakah - Extending the Light

A Message from the CSZ Fundraising Committee

Chanukah begins on Sunday evening, December 9, and we will light candles for eight nights as we celebrate "rededication." Traditionally, Chanukah is a time for tzedakah, as we rededicate ourselves to our community, to our faith and to the principles of righteousness and justice.

CSZ's Fundraising Committee would like to suggest that each CSZ member and his or her family create their own tzedakah practice for the holiday. During the eight days, we will light a total of forty-four candles, beginning with two the first night and concluding with nine on the eighth night. Consider putting a tzedakah box next to your chanukiah and think of the holiday as providing forty-four opportunities for tzedakah. For each candle you light, allow everyone in your home to make a contribution to the box. Perhaps a dollar per candle or five dollars or ten

cents - whatever feels right and appropriate. During the holiday, you can discuss how you would like to put these funds to use. At the conclusion of the holiday, whether you have raised forty-four dollars, four hundred and forty dollars or four dollars and forty cents, you will have a tangible way to extend the light of your chanukiah out into the community, and the world. We hope you will choose to use a portion of these funds to make a donation to your community here at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. We also appreciate that our members support many worthy causes and that many of us are looking for ways to assist those who are in need due to the tragic events of September 11. Whatever choices you make, we hope the process adds meaning to your holiday, and contributes to a week of sweetness and light.

Chag Sameach.

Are you getting email from Sha'ar Zahav?

We periodically send out announcements, schedule changes and updates via email to our membership. If you are not receiving these announcements, please provide our administrator, Lea Salem (lsalem@shaarzahav.org), with your correct email address. You will be added to the list.

Looking Back and Looking Forward: The History of Modern Zionism

Date: Mondays, November 26, December 3 and December 17
Time: 6:30-8 pm
Tuition: Free/members of CSZ; \$10 per class/non-members
Taught by: Phyllis Mintzer

Join Phyllis Mintzer, longtime member and educator at CSZ, for this three-part series on the history of modern Zionism. Participants will use excerpts from *The Jerusalem Post*, dating back to the 1930s, as a primary text. There will also be opportunity to explore and discuss our personal and communal relationships to Israel.

To RSVP, please contact program director Dahlia Gross at 415/861-6932 ext. 305 or cszdahlia@yahoo.com.

CSZ Open Dialogue on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Join us for a monthly series of dialogues regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The first meeting is Monday, December 10, 6:30-8 pm. The meetings will then occur on the third Thursday of every month, 7-8:30 pm, beginning February 21. Rabbi Camille Shira Angel will co-facilitate with CSZ member Rachel Timoner during the first meeting in December. Rachel will continue to facilitate future meetings with ongoing support from Rabbi Angel. For more information, contact Rachel Timoner at rtimoner@igc.org. All are welcome and encouraged to listen deeply to one another and to speak. We will talk about fears and sorrows, hopes and dreams, concrete issues, history and visions for the future. The facilitators will strive to create and maintain an environment open to all views, and ask that participants come in the spirit of openness, respect and willingness to learn.

Music in the Mishkan Returns to CSZ

Music in the Mishkan will kick off its third season with a concert at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav on Sunday, January 27 at 4 pm in celebration of Shabbat Shira (Sabbath of Song). A second program will take place on Sunday, March 3 at 4 pm. This year's chamber music series is co-sponsored by the Holocaust Center of Northern California and will highlight the music of Gideon Klein and Hans Krasa, two Jewish composers who were incarcerated at Terezin

From the Rabbi's Study



"Rabbi, what do you mean by 'spiritual'?" I was asked by one student from my "Cultivating an Authentic Jewish Spiritual Practice" class. The term "spiritual" is often ambiguous. In many cases it is a concept that may seem foreign to Judaism because it suggests a separation between that which is physical, bodily or material, and that which is social, psychological or emotional. Judaism looks at the whole person and recognizes spirituality, not as one compartment of life, but as the deepest dimension of all of life. Living a Jewish religious life means intentionally and consciously paying attention to all our questions, hopes, fears and loves and integrating our actions to reflect our highest selves.

At each step along life's journey, we are instructed to act in a particular way, with a particular faith. The same is true for us as we reach the end of our journey. We are heirs to a great legacy of tradition that can be manipulated to respond to most, if not all, circumstances: our efforts to deal creatively with making meaning with our lives; our struggles after a loss of a partner or loved one; facing the job market again; questions of self-worth and fear of reaching out to make new friendships; the discovery of new talents, deeper peace and wider boundaries of love.

These can be difficult tasks for all of us, especially at times when we suffer grief, loneliness and despair. But it is precisely at these times that our faith can be a source of strength and comfort as we face the necessary losses that shape our lives.

Much of my vision as a rabbi is grounded in this understanding of the "spiritual." I hope you will join me in our efforts to achieve this end by building a Caring Community with our Bikkur Cholim and Social Action committees.

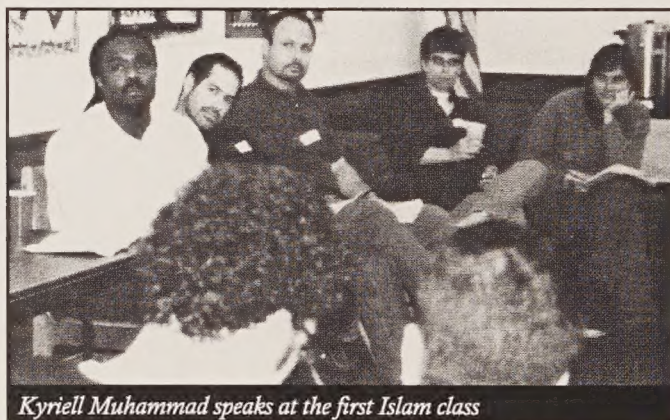
There are many people today who might find that the words of Kohe

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From Learning About Islam to Serving Holiday Meals

by Craig Persiko for the Social Action Committee

I know I'm not alone in saying that, since September 11, I've realized how ignorant I am about Islam and the politics of the Muslim world. As a way to help build greater understanding, the new co-chairs of the Social Action Committee decided that an important step we could take at this time was to educate ourselves, so the committee organized a series of classes in November.



Kyriell Muhammad speaks at the first Islam class

In the first class, Kyriell Muhammad, a Harvard Ph.D. candidate in Islamic Studies, gave a primer on Islam, from its genesis to modern times. Kyriell's perspective as a progressive gay African American Muslim was particularly interesting. He helped us to understand that Islam, founded in the seventh century, has never had a reformation, i.e. a liberalizing movement. He discussed the fledgling state of the progressive Muslim voice and his optimism at some indications that these extremist attacks may actually result in a new role and acceptance for that voice.

The 35 attendees were full of thoughtful questions on topics ranging from the lack of seasons in the Islamic calendar (they have a lunar calendar with no leap year, resulting in holidays moving whole seasons in a decade) to the history of the Nation of Islam in America, the role of women in Islam, and the importance of Jerusalem for Muslims. Kyriell's feeling of sadness about how terrorists are using his religion, and his struggles to build a progressive Islamic movement, impressed many of us. His

discussion of how the word "jihad" is interpreted to mean "personal spiritual struggle" to some and "holy war" to others was a reminder that we at CSZ struggle with concepts and scripture that are often interpreted in problematic ways.

We've all struggled with how to respond constructively to the horrors of September 11 and after. Educating ourselves and others is one way we can continue to work for tikkun olam.

Besides these classes on Islam and related politics, the Social Action Committee also organized a discussion of issues regarding prisons and the death penalty, and visits with

residents at the Jewish Home for the Aged.

In December, we will once again be visiting the Jewish Home for the Aged one Friday before services, and we'll continue our tradition of helping Project Open Hand with their holiday meals on December 24 and 25. We need lots of volunteers to join this event for a few hours on either day, preparing food, packaging it or delivering the meals. Please contact Dahlia before December 5 at (415/861-6932 ext. 305) for more information or to RSVP.

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WZO Voting Registration Deadline December 14

If you haven't already registered to vote in the World Zionist Congress elections, it's not too late. You may register online by December 14 at www.arzawuna.org. Once you register, you'll receive a ballot in February and will be able to vote for representation to the June 2002 Jerusalem gathering.

We can assist in the fight for the rights of Reform Jews in Israel as well as in North America. Through ARZA/World Union, we are fighting for these rights every day. Winning this election will enable us to have an impact on the masses of Israeli society in a manner befitting a great movement. This election is about more than the Reform movement in Israel; it is about the legitimacy of the Reform movement in North America.

The Reform movement is experiencing tremendous growth in Israel. Since the last World Zionist Congress in 1996, the annual allocation of Federation funds through the Jewish Agency for the Reform movement in Israel has doubled, providing millions more for the construction of synagogues and schools, in addition to scores of other worthy programs.

To be eligible to vote, you must be Jewish, a U.S. resident and at least 18 years of age. There is a \$4 registration fee.

Adult Education Corner *by Rod Leslie*

Browsing the remainder shelves at Stacy's Bookstore on Market Street, I came upon a remarkable find. The quality paperback marked \$5.99 purported to be "The First Hebrew Novel": Joseph Perl's *Revealer of Secrets* (1819), translated by Dov Taylor (1997). This is an epistolary novel of 151 letters by competing Hasidic rebbes expressing dire anxiety over the publication in German of a particular "bukh" called *On the Nature of the Hasidic Sect* (1816).

The translator identifies Perl as a spokesman for the Haskala, that movement of Jewish "self-emancipation" which emerged in response to the "liberation of Europe" by Napoleon's conquests. The program of the Haskala called on Jews to master European languages, enter the professions, engage with gentiles sympathetic to their cause and provide their young with a rational secular education in addition to Hebrew literature, the Bible and medieval Jewish philosophy. It also mounted an attack on provincialism and the mysticism of the Hasidim. Perl had in fact been an ardent Hasid who defected and delivered to the Austrian princes the very text that so trouble the fictitious rebbes.

The Hasidic movement was a revivalist movement that centered faith in spirituality of emotion and in following the tsadek (charismatic spiritual leader) as best exemplified by the movement's founder, the Bal Shem Tov (1700-1760), and his protégés. The rabbis, Talmudic scholars and yeshivas of the day were dubbed *misnagdim* (opponents and adversaries) because they held that the Hasidim diverted the Torah with their practices and utterances. As the Hasidim became more temperate and respectful of orthodoxy, however, they and the misnagdim aligned against the Haskala whose followers they deemed *apikorsim* (heretics, unbelievers, infidels).

This great conflict within Jewish civilization on the threshold of modernity reflected a pattern not uncharacteristic of other periods within Jewish history, equally as short-lived and equally as fertile. Reform Judaism arose out of the Haskala, as did Zionism, modern Hebrew and modern Jewish literature. Perhaps more significant, the Judaism practiced at CSZ emerges from the edgy interaction of these three tendencies within Judaism.

A copy of *Revealer of Secrets* is available for your perusal at CSZ.

Interested in a New Study Group?

Interested in exploring history, tanakh, theology and Jewish spiritual and ethical practice, joining with others in small groups to discuss specified texts and reflect on their relevance to us as individuals and members of a spiritual community? We could get together weekly or twice monthly, having done some preparation prior to meeting. Readings would be a chapter or less, so the pace would be leisurely. Group leadership would rotate each session. Contact Dahlia Gross at the CSZ office if you're interested.

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Music in the Miskan

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concentration camp during World War II. Performers include CSZ member and violinist Randy Weiss and other prominent Bay Area musicians. Mark these dates on your calendar, use the enclosed order form, and watch for articles in subsequent issues.

CSZ Chanukah Celebration

Join us on Friday, December 14 when we celebrate the fifth night of Chanukah. The evening will begin at 6 pm with a festive meal and singing, followed by Shabbat services and candle lighting. We will finish with a Sufganiyot (jelly donuts). Oneg and Israeli Dancing with Marsha Attie. To RSVP for the dinner, please return the registration portion of the enclosed flier no later than Friday, December 7.



Pinat Yeladim Umishpachah

Children and Family Corner



Winter Retreats at Camps Newman and Swig

Experience a taste of summer camp in the winter. This will be a great opportunity to reconnect with your summer camp stomping grounds or to get know Camp Newman or Swig for the first time. This year's retreat dates are as follows:

Camp Swig:

December 1

Family Day

February 15-17

Young Adult Retreat

February 22-24

Grades 3-6

Camp Newman:

March 15-17

Grades 5-6

April 12-13

Grades 2 and 4 (one night only)

April 27

Family Day

May 3-5

Special Needs Retreat (with the BJE)

Want to go as a group from CSZ? Contact Sue Bojdak, (415/861-6932 ext. 302) to say you are interested. Need more information about the camp programs? Contact Debra at (415/392-7080 ext. 12) or Tobi, (ext. 15) in the UAHC camp office.

There is NO KADIMAH
for the weeks of Dec. 17, 24 and 31.

Kadimah resumes on Saturday, Jan. 5.

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, December 1, 10:30 am

Tot Shabbat is for children aged 2-5, their friends and families. We come together one Shabbat every month at 10:30 am for an age-appropriate service filled with art, storytelling, singing, prayer and movement!

Baby Havurah and Bagel Brunch

Saturday, December 1, 12:30 pm

Baby Havurah and Bagel Brunch is moving to 12:30 on Shabbat afternoons once a month. Celebrate Shabbat with your baby and share parenting tips over bagels. Songs, toys, bubbles, finger plays and a puppet show mini-service are not to be missed by the 24-month and under set.

For more information about any of these programs, or to RSVP, contact:

Sue Bojdak at 415/861-6932 ext. 302, or educator@shaarzahav.org,

The Rabbi's Tish is HAPPENING:

Tuesday, December 11, 6-7:30 pm

CSZ teens, find out what's happening at the Rabbi's Tish (Yiddish for "table"). Youth in 8th through 12th grades explore issues big and small in this text study and discussion with Rabbi Angel. Quiz the rabbi on teen culture and find out what Judaism has to say about the things that matter to you. Please RSVP to Sue Bojdak, (415/861-6932 ext. 302). Dinner is included with an RSVP only.

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner and Service

Friday, December 7, 6 pm

Join us for our monthly family celebration of Shabbat with Family Education Specialist Jeni Markowitz and Lom Friedman. Special guests this month will be Kitah Bet. Kitah Bet families are especially invited. Children of all ages are welcome. There will be age-specific children's programming for both older and younger children. We will eat, sing, pray and welcome Shabbat. Reservations are necessary.

Family Chanukah Celebration

**Saturday, December 15
11:30 am - 12:30 pm**

We are delighted to present Pearl B.'s Chanukah MusiKIDoodle Show. Meet Devorah the Menorah! Do the Latkerena! Sing and dance and have fun. In from L.A., Pearl has been called "a master of music, movement and storytelling," "a performer extraordinaire," and was voted the "favorite kids' entertainer" by the *Jewish Journal of L.A.* This concert is free to members and is appropriate for kids aged 2 to 8.

AND

We are thrilled to celebrate Chanukah with older children (aged 9-12) and their families in our Chanukiah Making Workshop. With the assistance of member artist Beth Souza, we will be crafting chanukiahs out of wire, beads and clay pots. Learn about the origins and spiritual interpretations of the chanukiah, be inspired by artistic representations and allow your imagination to guide you in your creation of this timeless symbol of Chanukah.

Kadimah will end at 11:15 am on this date in order for students to enjoy this special Chanukah celebration.

Minutes from the September Children's Education Board meeting

The following topics were discussed: security issues for Kadimah at CSZ and in the East Bay; staffing for the Madrichim program and for East Bay Kadimah; Family Shabbat dinners; Fundraising - Leslie Kane is the sub-committee chair; planning for our retreat in October and feedback on Rosh Hashanah family and children's programs.

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Pre-Shabbat Welcome Dinner

Friday, December 21, at 6:15 pm

At Tin Pan – 2251 Market Street (between Noe and Sanchez)

Please join the Keshet (Connection) Committee for this informal “pay-what-you-can” gathering. This is a chance for prospective members, new members and seasoned members to get to know each other in a more informal and relaxed setting. Tin Pan is known for its eclectic cuisine; after our dinner together, you will remember Tin Pan as the place you got to know some of the intriguing people who make the CSZ community special.

As is our minhag (custom), we gather at CSZ at 6:15 pm and then head to the restaurant at 6:30 pm.

Please RSVP either to Marc Wernick (415/928-7883, mhwernick@aol.com) or the office (415/861-6932, office@shaarzahav.org). We look forward to having you join us.

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• 4 pm - Healing Service • 5 pm - Islam Series: History of Central Asia		• 5 pm - JGF Deadline • 6:30 pm - History of Modern Zionism		• 4 pm - East Bay Kadimah • 6 pm - Basic Hebrew		• 4 pm - Kadimah • 7 pm - JGF Editing	
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• 7 pm - JGF Layout		• 6:30 pm - Open Dialogue on Israeli-Palestinian Conflict		• 4 pm - East Bay Kadimah • 6 pm - Basic Hebrew • 6 pm - Rabbi's Tish for teens		• 4 pm - Kadimah • 6 pm - Building & Committee	
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				Friday, December 21, 7:15 pm			
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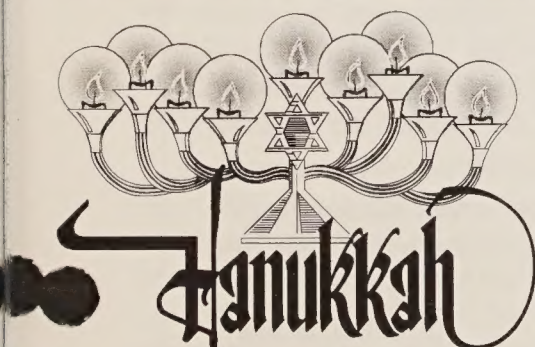
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WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SHABBAT	
3, AT 5 PM						1 Shabbat Vayishlach (Gen 32:4-36:43) 16 Kislev	
						• 9 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Kadimah • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by Randy Weiss and Ron Edelman • 10:30 am - Tot Shabbat • 12:30 pm - Baby Havurah	
20 Kislev	6	21 Kislev	7	22 Kislev	8 Shabbat Vayeshev (Gen 37:1-40:23) 23 Kislev		
			• 4:30 pm - Candle Lighting • 6 pm - Family Dinner • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by Sarita Groisser and Michael Chertok		• 9 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Kadimah • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by Alan Gordon • 12:30 pm - Singing Havurah		
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27 Kislev	13 Chanukah - Day 4 28 Kislev	14 Chanukah - Day 5 29 Kislev	15 Shabbat Miketz (Gen 41:1-44:17) 30 Kislev				
• 6:30 pm - Va'ad Meeting		• 4:32 pm - Candle Lighting • 6 pm - Chanukah Dinner • 7:15 pm - Singing Havurah • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel and Judith Holiber • 10 pm - Oneg and Dancing	• 9 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Kadimah • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel • 11:30 am - Family Chanukah Celebration • 8 pm - Mishigas Chanukah Party				
4 Tevet	20	5 Tevet	21	6 Tevet	22 Shabbat Vayigash (Gen 44:18-47) 7 Tevet		
			• 4:34 pm - Candle Lighting • 6:15 pm - Pre-Shabbat Welcome Dinner • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by Batya Kalis and Ron Edelman		• 9 am - Torah Study • 10 am - Shabbat Services NO KADIMAH		
11 Tevet	27	12 Tevet	28	13 Tevet	29 Shabbat Veyechi (Gen 47:28-50:26) 14 Tevet		
	• 6:30 pm - Ritual Committee Meeting		• 4:39 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by Daniel Chesir		• 9 am - Torah Study • 10 am - Shabbat Services NO KADIMAH		



Please Be in Touch With Me

I am eager to be in touch with all members of the CSZ family whenever there are occasions of joy or sadness in your lives. When there is a death in the family, please call me as soon as possible. We very much want to be there with you at a time of grief.

Rabbi Camille Shira Angel

let—"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven" carry little conviction when applied to the latter half of life. Leah Goldberg's poem, "*Songs of the End of the Road*," challenges this bleak cynicism with the hope of finding meaning and living creatively throughout our lives.

Songs of the End of the Road – by Leah Goldberg

- I.
1. The road is so very beautiful – said the young boy.
2. The road is so very difficult – said the teenager.
3. The road is very long – said the man.
4. The old man sat to rest by the side of the road.
5. The sun-set colors his grey hair with gold and redness,
6. The grass glistens at his feet with the evening dew,
7. A last bird of the day is singing over head:
8. Do you remember how beautiful, how difficult,
how long was the road?
- II.
9. You said it yourself: A day follows a day and a
night – a night.
10. Here, days are coming – you said to yourself.
11. And seeing evenings and mornings passing by
our window,
12. You said to yourself: There's nothing new under the sun.
13. And now you are getting on in years, you've gotten
old and grey,
14. And your days are numbered few and sevenfold
more precious.
15. And then you realize: Each day could be the
last under the sun.
16. And then you realize: Every day is new under the sun.
17. Teach me, my God, to bless and to pray,
18. Over the mystery of a withered leaf,
19. Over the radiance of ripened fruit,
20. Over this freedom: to see, to sense,
21. To breathe,
22. To know, to hope, to stumble.
23. Teach my lips a blessing and a song of praise
24. As each morning and night, Your time is renewed,
25. Lest my day be like days gone by,
26. Lest routine beset my day.

At this season, when we celebrate Chanukah, the Festival of Light, may we rededicate ourselves to our *spiritual* life!

Happy Chanukah.

Oct Va'ad Minutes

Rabbi Angel opened the meeting with a prayer to mark Sheloshim, 30 days after the events of September 11. She stated that the purpose of our week, month and year anniversaries of death are to help us return to life and step away from grief. She recommended acts of tzedakah tailored to those who have died, to study as part of the process of remembering them, and to give thanksgiving for daily miracles to get us through fear and grief.

The Va'ad turned to the Israel Havurah's proposal to become a standing committee of the congregation. We considered how to incorporate diverse viewpoints into the proposed committee. After extensive discussion about the committee's mission, we asked the Bylaws Committee to tinker with the following language: "The Israel Committee shall be the focal point for discussion of issues related to the State of Israel, plan programs related to Israel and bring proposals to the Va'ad regarding synagogue policy related to Israel. Membership in this committee is open to all members of CSZ." Some version of this proposed amendment will be put to a vote at the congregation's annual meeting. Meanwhile, we voted to adopt the Havurah's proposal, and CSZ now has an Israel Committee. We thanked the members of the former Havurah for their work and attendance at many meetings.

We next discussed long-range planning. The "Planning to Plan" Committee was formed due to the sense that our congregation has been changing without a clearly articulated vision for change. The committee gave a detailed proposal for soliciting congregational input and getting acceptance. We compared the purpose of long-range planning to standard Va'ad planning, and discussed how the Alban Institute report fits in. We talked about the specific topics of growth, money and staffing, and the even bigger topics of mission, vision and values.

We eventually voted to adopt the proposal. A committee will be appointed to identify a visible planning method. The Congregational Advance tentatively scheduled for May 31-June 1, will give us all a chance to gather views and exchange information, which will then inform the planning committee's continued work.

Rabbi Angel delivered her report, acknowledging the collaborative effort that made the High Holi-

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Why Is This New Member Different From All Others? *by Marc Wernick*



Many GLBT Jews, like Joel Ginsberg, come to CSZ seeking a sense of community, and end up finding that and much more. Joel, a management consultant with CompassPoint Nonprofit Services, moved to San Francisco last year from Washington, DC. Joel was an active member of Bet Mispachah, our sister synagogue in the District, and was hoping that he could find the same sense of community at CSZ - and maybe a husband as well.

Growing up in Mendocino made it difficult for Joel to have a formal Jewish education, since there was no synagogue there. "I lived with my grandparents in New York for several months when I was 10. I went to services with my grandfather and he hired a tutor, Mr. Margolis, who taught me the Aleph-Bet (Hebrew alphabet)," reminisces Joel. Joel's father coached him for his Bar Mitzvah.

After graduate school, Joel moved to Washington, D.C. and began to re-explore his Jewish identity. "I met a guy named Stuart at an ACT-UP meeting. Our first date was going to services at Bet Mispachah. I really liked him because we could sit together and crack jokes during the service. This was the first time I felt like I could be myself in a synagogue," says Joel. Joel and Stuart were a couple for four years.

After 10 years in D.C., Joel moved back to the West Coast last Thanksgiving, both to be closer to his family and because of what San Francisco has to offer. "I have family in the East Bay and up and down the West Coast. And I missed the creativity in the Bay Area. You see it everywhere - in performance art, graphic design, architecture, the way people dress. And I love the grandeur of the landscape - the long sight lines, the ocean and high hills."

A major reason Joel decided to check out CSZ was to develop a social network and a set of close friends, and he is not shy about admitting that another reason he joined CSZ was to find that proverbial "NJB" (nice Jewish boy-

chick). In fact, he is offering a dinner for two at the French Laundry for the shadchahn (matchmaker) that helps him find his beshert (life partner, his "destined").

"I remember when I first came to CSZ," says Joel. "I stood around a lot at oneg. It was hard to get to know people. And everything about the service sounded wrong since I was used to doing things differently."

In the last few months, Joel has changed his tune, both metaphorically and literally. Initially, Joel was not totally comfortable with CSZ's liturgy; his view on Judaism is more humanistic than spiritual. But he decided to join to feel more a part of the community.

He has become active in the synagogue's new musical direction. Joel was part of the High Holiday Ensemble, singing in a duet, a trio and a quartet, and is active in the Singing Havurah and the new Music Committee. "I am excited by Michael Sarid's leadership in increasing the congregation's focus on music." Joel explains that music is a very physical thing for him. "It brings me to the present. Harmonizing with other people helps me connect with the service," he comments.

In keeping with our minhag (custom), we asked Joel the following four questions to get to know him a little better:

- *What does having a sense of community mean to you?*

"Community means having friends that you have known for a long time. It

means that you can be yourself and enjoy each other's company. And it means helping each other. Since joining CSZ, I feel more rooted and supported. I have widened my circle of friends and professional contacts. I have a nice group of friends to do things with on weekends."

- *How would you describe the GLBT Jewish community?*

"We are very proud and very committed. Here, there is a bit of a shetl (old Jewish community of Eastern Europe) feeling. It's very comforting to hang out with other GLBT Jews - to see each other in the Castro, to go to the Folsom Street Fair together and to walk home together from services."

- *In a few days, we will be celebrating Chanukah. The chanukiah is a symbol of hope and illumination. What are you hoping for? What do you want to be illuminated?*

"I am hoping for deeper friendships. Friends you can casually drop in on. And it would be nice to find a partner."

- *The question on everyone's mind now is: "Nu (so), what are you looking for in a man?"*

"I want to meet a nice guy. Someone who is generous, funny, smart and passionate and who wants to have kids."

Please join me in welcoming Joel to the synagogue. And, if you know a nice man for Joel, be sure to show him this article and introduce them to each other at oneg!

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Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the World Congress of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Jewish Organizations.

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the most recent people to join our family:

- Anna Lichtenberg
- Sara Leslie Dunn, Michael Baldonado, Frieda and Abraham Dunn Baldonado
- Vanessa Teplin and Alison F. Jacoby
- Andrea D. Bass
- Adam S. Barrett
- Danielle Rice
- Janet Lee Frankel
- Steven Mazer
- Andrea Guerra
- James Laque-Lefevre
- Nurit Robinson
- Kayla Strassfeld
- Frank Sieple and Joshua Margulies (Welcome back!)

We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

Naches

To **Ina Fried and AJ Turpen** on their recent engagement.

To **Sue Bojdak** on her reading from the Torah for the first time.

To **Liz Goodman** on beginning her new wine wholesale business L'Chaim!

To **Rabbi Yoel Kahn** on becoming the new host of the television show, "Mosaic," airing Sundays at 6 am.

To **Jennifer Markowitz and Kevin Clancy** on their new home.

To **Marc Wernick** on his new position as Director of Development and External Affairs at Stanford Hillel.

Condolences

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days so gratifying. The rabbi welcomed Howard Steiermann as Ritual Chair. Outgoing Ritual Chair Nicole Bloom deserves great thanks for her service. Nicole will now chair an expanded Bikkur Cholim committee, which will include education, dialogue about illness, spontaneous prayer and deeds of kindness.

The rabbi said that there has been a great conversation going on since her Kol Nidre drash. She feels that she has been a catalyst in leadership, encouraging us to talk about difficult issues. People who felt alienated by her drash are invited to contact her directly.

Jeff Forman has agreed to co-chair our 25th Anniversary committee. Jeff Sherman will take Lyssa Friedman's place as Personnel Committee Chair in December.

Administrator Lea Salem gave both the Membership Committee Report and the Administrator's Report. We welcomed 10 new member households. (And, to correct last month's minutes, we had 18 - not just 8 - new members last month.) Eleven members resigned. Most people who join are trying the introductory membership program.

James Carlson delivered the Treasurer's Report. We have made our final payment on the Jewish Community Endowment loan.

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8/24 Oneg by **Rachel and Reed Pruyn Goldstein** in honor of the birth of Micah Aiden Pruyn Goldstein.

9/14 Flowers by **Laura Lowe** in memory of Samuel Pintchuk.

10/6 Oneg by **Richard Sinkoff** in honor of his father Marvin Sinkoff, M.D.'s visit to San Francisco and in honor of his cousin Lucy Bernholz and Paula Fleisher on the occasion of their wedding anniversary.

10/19 Oneg by **Donna and Mitchell Yates** in honor of the legal recognition that Itai Bojdak-Yates has two moms.

Flowers sponsored by **Geoff Benjamin and Craig Persiko** in honor of the legal recognition that Itai Bojdak-Yates has two moms.

11/9 Oneg by **Lilah and Leon Groisser** in honor of Sarita Groisser's leading services.

Flowers by **Jake Wirtschafter**, in honor of Mark Chalfant and Jim Martin.

11/16 Oneg by **Joshua Margulies and Frank Sieple**, in celebration of their 11th anniversary.

Flowers by **Rebecca Goldfader**, in celebration of the 11th anniversary of Joshua Margulies and Frank Sieple.

11/23 Flowers by **Avi Goldberg and Will Garcia** in honor of Richard Hazel's entrance into the covenant.

A Crazy Future - A Conversation among the Mishigas Havurah Co-chairs

Larry: What 's all this mishigas [craziness] about?

Geoff: Mishigas.

Caryn: What do you mean, all this mishigas is about mishigas?

Larry: Mishigas, it's the synagogue's new social havurah – that's what we're calling ourselves; we're replacing La'atid [to the future].

Geoff: Replacing La'atid? No!

Caryn: We thought the new name was more fun, more open. We're no longer just for the young, we're for everyone who's meshuge enough to come and help out with our activities.

Larry: What activities?

Caryn: In November we went to a Karaoke bar, we had a blast.

Geoff: In December, we're throwing

a Chanukah party, with dancing, gambling and greasy latkes.

Caryn: And wait, there's more! We reserved a discounted table at Kung Pao Kosher Comedy for December 24.

Larry: And in January we're hosting a Queer Jewish Poetry Slam.

Caryn: For more information, go to our website, sign-up and you can read all about our upcoming events. There's also information on how to get involved, help out and attend: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mishigas>.

Geoff: Or you can email me and I'll sign you up on the listserve: geoff@redcottage.com.

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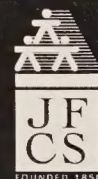
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-in honor of Rabbi Angel for all her words that helped so much during this tragedy.

-with thanks to Alan Foss, Richard Meyerson and Eileen Lynette for their leadership in organizing a beautiful oneg and break fast.

-with thanks to all the oneg and break fast volunteers.
-with thanks to all the staff who worked so hard to give the congregation a safe and beautiful High Holiday season.

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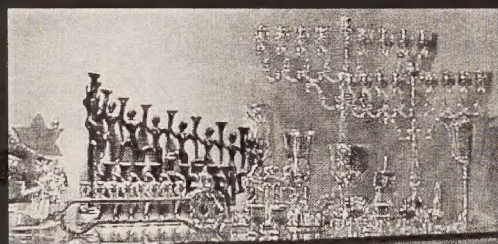
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